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In Patent Application of

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING INVALID ELECTRONIC  
STORAGE MEDIA AND CARD SYSTEM USING THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 3, 9, 15, 16, 19, 21 and 22 as set forth  
below:

1. (Amended) A method for detecting invalid electronic  
storage media, said method comprising the steps of:

containing individual identification information and  
group value information in each of said electronic storage  
media;

holding a list which registers said individual  
identification information of an invalid electronic storage  
media in one of a plurality of groups corresponding to said  
group value information of said individual identification  
information;

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